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Water Resource Board to Meet Thursday

This week the Idaho Water Resource Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, March 9, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will originate at Idaho Department of Water Resources headquarters at the Idaho Water Center in Boise.

Items on the agenda include:

- Status reports on a request for proposals (RFP) soliciting participation by canal companies for recharge activities in 2007.
- An update on the W-Canal recharge project-Idaho's first managed recharge demonstration project, currently under development near Wendell.
- An update on the Conservation and Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in which the state of Idaho is a participant.
- An update on the public meeting held last week in the Hagerman area to roll out the Board's program to purchase water rights and subordination agreements in the Thousand Springs reach of the Snake River.
- The Board will also review a summary report from CDR Associates concerning the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Management Plan and the proposed direction and future if the planning process is funded by the Idaho Legislature.

The Board will hold a work session on Thursday March 8th, which will include among other topics:

- The Boise Valley Water Use Study which is a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Reclamation. The study couples economic and hydrologic models developed to study water use in the Boise Valley.
- The Boise Payette Storage Study-authorized by the Bureau of Reclamation to look at potential storage projects in the Boise and Payette river system.

The complete agenda is posted on the IDWR website: www.idwr.idaho.gov